tables and flowers, and cases involving a policy decision are dealt with by the Committee.

(c) The details showing the number of meetings alongwith dates on which they were held are enclosed in statement.

Statement

Details showing the number of meetings held in 1993-94 *and* 1994-95

1993-94		1994-95	
Number of meetings	Date of meeting	Number of meetings	Date of meetings
4	5-5-93	6	25-4-94
	12-7-93		27-6-94
	11-10-93		6-9-94
	23-12-93		14-12-94
			2-3-95
			21-3-95

Export of seeds

4028. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will review the existing cumbersome procedures in practice for peoole wishing to export seeds from India;

(b) whether it is a fact that from the date of application for export of seeds to clearance by his Ministry, it takes an everage of 90 days;

(c) if so, the reasons for such delays which harm farmers; and

(d) whether Government will examine this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) As per the existing Export-Import policy and procedures, export of seeds; except certain categories appearing in the Restricted List, is allowed without restriction.

(b) to (d) An application for export normally takes an average of 40-60 days for clearance since it requires seeking comments of all concerned agencies on relevant aspects. Efforts are made to decide the cases with in reasonable time.

Resolution to study the proposed anti-tobacco legislation

4029. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tobacco Development Council has unanimously passed a resolution asking for establishment of an Expert Committee to study the proposed anti-tobacco legislation; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for Agriculture Ministry not implementing a resolution in farmers interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Indian Tobacco Development Council in its meeting held on 2-6-94 recommended that the proposed legislation on ban on advertisement of tobacco and tobacco products be referred to an Expert Committee for a thorough re-examination of its provisions. The same has been examined. The legislation proposed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has gone through the process of discussions with growers, traders and several